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The following chapter contains impact analysis sections for the environmental topics determined to be potentially impacted by the proposed project. The topical sections include descriptions of the existing environmental setting, analysis of potential project impacts, and mitigation measures, if required, to reduce the identified impacts.

For each topic, the potential project impacts are divided into the following two categories: (1) Less Than Significant Impacts, and (2) Potentially Significant Impacts. Impacts are discussed in the following categories:

- Less Than Significant Impacts are those project impacts that are determined to be less than significant such that no additional requirements, conditions, or mitigation measures are needed.
- Potentially Significant Impacts are those project impacts that cannot be reduced to a less than significant level by project design features alone and that would require additional mitigation measures to further reduce the impacts. Impacts in this category may be reduced to a less than significant level with mitigation measures (if feasible) or may remain unavoidable adverse impacts.

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